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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Petition of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (Gas Operations) for an Accounting Order to Adopt New Depreciation Rates Effective January 1, 2009
Docket No.: 2009-495-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") reviewed the above Petition requesting an Accounting Order to Adopt New Depreciation Rates Effective January 1, 2009. Based on its review and discussions with SCE&G, ORS has no objection to the request. If SCE&G's Petition is granted, ORS will address the Proposed Depreciation Rates in SCE&G's 2010 Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-400 *et seq.* (Supp. 2008).

Sincerely,

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